

Resident Councils of Washington

Resident Councils of Washington turns 25 this year! Celebrate with us by participating in the **Resident Commemorative Wheel-a-thon** in October.

Resident Rights Week is one way to emphasize rights and to enjoy celebrations with residents. How about celebrating our 25th anniversary during the month of October where traditionally homes celebrate national resident rights week?

No need to leave the facility to participate! The wheel-a-thon committee has done most of the work for you. Just go to the residentcouncil.org for a downloadable packet.

This is not only an opportunity to raise money, but also to raise awareness about the challenges and struggles of our residents.

Resident Councils of Washington:

- Is the only consumer-based organization in the United States run by and for residents.
- Provides tools to build successful Resident Councils, protect residents' rights, and advocate for residents to be more involved in directing their own care.
- Provides opportunities to utilize skills, passions, beliefs, education and goals the residents carry with them for life.

We are issuing a challenge for each of you to celebrate our 25th anniversary by turning silver into gold. Let's have fun, challenge each other, and raise the bar in increments of 25.

Challenge your home with the following levels:

Level

	Amount	What can you give up?
Bronze Resident level	.25?	Bingo, Vending machine, Newspaper, Popcorn a day, Raffle, Video, Pull tab money?
Silver Employee level	\$2.50?	Gallon of gas, Latte, Milk shake, Happy Meal, Ice Cream, Hot dog, Slice of Pizza?
Gold Family level	\$25?	10 Gallons of gas, a Ferry boat ride, Dinner for two, Casino \$, Movies?

Titanium Department level: \$250?

Can 10 of you spare or raise \$25?

Can 25 of you spare or raise \$10?

Platinum Corporation level: \$2500

25 corporate CEOs spare or raise \$100

50 Administrators spare or raise \$50?

RCW would like to see competition between homes while having fun and making a difference for us. What do you get for your efforts besides the satisfaction of taking ownership, contributing to resident quality of life and adding to the spirit of competition? How about:

- The honor of being number one in each category
- RCW membership for a year
- Free advertising on our website which by the way is on the top of 10 search engines
- A trophy you can showcase in your facility.

Not a bad return for your investment of time and fun!!

Get Started. Download your pledge forms, press release, and poster from our website www.residentcouncil.org and begin your planning. You will need to adapt the generic information for your home. Your wheel-a-thon could be as simple as organizing residents to make laps in or around your facility or a local park. Make it more fun by organizing a Wheel-a-thon Poker Run. At each check point resident pick up poker cards. At the end the resident with the best poker hand wins OR try involving your intergenerational volunteers with our new Wii phenomenon....rolling or bowling for so much time or skill. Certificates could be used for each resident that raises the most money. At each check point residents could fill in their Bingo Card that has different resident rights by picking up a card at the check point that has one resident right. How fun could this be?

Sign up today, pick your own day, and celebrate with us! Enable the Resident Councils of Washington celebrate many more birthdays!